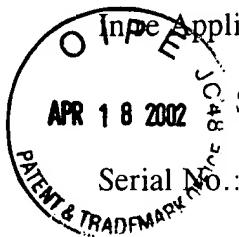


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136
AND FEE PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.17

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.17, 1.136, applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for an extension of time as follows:

- One-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated 12/18/01 (\$110.00 fee)
- Two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated _____ (\$400.00 fee)
- Three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated _____ (\$920.00 fee)

XXX The Director is hereby authorized to charge the above-indicated amount to Deposit Account No. 22-0185. If extensions of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to allow consideration of papers accompanying this Petition, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. The Director is hereby authorized to charge fee deficiency under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 or 1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 22-0185. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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